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RCE (37 CFR §1.114) AND REQUEST TO REOPEN PROSECUTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.198 AND MPEP §1214.07

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant has received a final Decision On Appeal dated June 30, 2008 from the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Applicant hereby requests that the prosecution of the present application be reopened under provisions of 37 CFR §1.198 and MPEP §1214.07, which permit the Applicant to reopen prosecution by submitting a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments and remarks be entered in the present application and that the currently amended claims be examined for an early allowance in the present application.

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